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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY PAY RAISE

1. THE TURKISH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (THE LOWER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT) ON JANUARY 6 AWARDED ITSELF A PAY RAISE OF CLOSE TO 60 PERCENT (TO THE EQUIVALENT OF APPROXIMATELY 1500 DOLLARS MONTHLY) RETROACTIVE TO JUNE. THE DECISION RESULTED IN EXTENSIVE OUTRAGED EDITORIAL COMMENT, FOLLOWED BY STATEMENTS BY PARTY LEADERS, INCLUDING:

A. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT ANNOUNCED JANUARY 9 THAT THE LAW GRANTING THE RAISE "MUST BE CHANGED" BECAUSE IT WAS "ANTI-DEMOCRATIC" FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS TO RECEIVE A SALARY TWENTY TIMES THE AVERAGE PER CAPITA INCOME. ECEVIT SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE ADDITIONAL SALARY.

B. REPUBLICAN RELIANCE (RR) PARTY CHAIRMAN (AND DEP PRIMIN) FEYZIOGLU AT A PRESS CONFERENCE JANUARY 9 STATED THAT HE MIGHT SEEK A DECISION FROM THE CONSTITUTIONAL

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COURT TO OVERTURN THE PAY RAISE.

C. PRIMIN DEMIREL TOLD REPORTERS THAT SINCE RPP DEPUTIES HAD VOTED FOR THE RAISE, ECEVIT WAS GUILTY OF "POLITICAL TWO-FACEDNESS". SAID DEMIREL, "LET US BE MANLY. IF THERE IS A FAULT, IT BELONGS TO ALL OF US."

2. THE PAY RAISE BILL IS NOW BEFORE THE SENATE. ALTHOUGH

PREVIOUS SENATE APPROVAL OF PAY RAISES HAS BEEN MORE-OR-LESS
PRO FORMA, THE OUTCRY AGAINST THE RAISE COULD RESULT IN A
SENATE VETO. ALTERNATIVELY, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MAY
TAKE ACTION RESCINDING THE MEASURE. OTHERWISE, A COURT
CHALLENGE IS A POSSIBILITY.
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